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AMENDMENT

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Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 13 FEB 2002, please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims below to read as indicated herein. A version of the amended claims with markings to show changes made is included at the end of this document.

13. (Amended) A computer system that enables improved access to data stored in a log of said computer's memory system, said memory system having multiple copies of said log comprising a primary log and a secondary log, each log storing data transactions with a database system stored on said memory system, the computer system further comprising:

- a) means for determining a parameter indicative of demand for access to one of said copies of said log; and
- b) logging means responsive to a process request for access to a log, by assigning the process to another of said copies of the log if said parameter has reached a threshold value.